



MOVE 2040: Amendment #4

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Amendment

The MOVE 2040 Amendment #4 was approved by the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body on August 14, 2018, after the following public review and comment opportunities.

Activity	Date	Location	Purpose
Project Public Review & Comment	6/26/18	Electronic Review at https://publicinput.com/2964/?embedId=543183	The project was put out for public comment as part of WAMPO's 2019-2022 TIP funding cycle. This amendment is due in part to the number of positive comments this project received.
Amendment Public Review	7/27/18	Electronic Review at www.wampo.org <i>Documents were available for review online or in hard copy upon request</i>	The general public, partners and stakeholders will have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments. Comments will be accepted in person, via phone, or in writing.
Advanced Public Comment Closed	Tuesday, August 14 2:00 PM	271 W. Third - 2 nd Floor, Wichita, KS 67202	Comments will be accepted in person, via phone, or in writing.
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)	Monday, July 23 10:00 AM	271 W. Third - 2 nd Floor, Wichita, KS 67202	TAC will take formal action on the proposed amendment.
Special Public Meeting	August 7, 2018	Haysville National Night Out Event 523 Sarah Lane, Haysville, KS	WAMPO staff shared information and gathered input from residents in Haysville about the project.
Special Public Meeting	Monday, August 13 7:00 PM	200 W. Grand Avenue, Haysville, KS 67060	WAMPO staff presented on this amendment at the Haysville City Council meeting
Transportation Policy Body Meeting	Tuesday August 14 3:00 PM	271 W. Third - 2 nd Floor, Wichita, KS 67202	During this meeting the TPB took formal action on the proposed amendment.

WAMPO's public participation process also satisfies Wichita Transit's public participation requirements for their Program of Projects.

Public Review & Comment Summary Report

The project was originally put out for public comment as part of the WAMPO Candidate Project public review and comment period in late July 2018.

This amendment is due in part to the number of positive comments recommending this project along with new collaboration between Sedgwick County whom made the formal amendment request and the cities of Haysville and Wichita. Because of the high level of awareness among residents in the area about this project WAMPO staff choose to pursue to special public meetings to speak directly with the decision makers and residents rather than sharing a print media notice and amendment copies at the local library. As a result WAMPO staff were able to interact with dozens of interested residents on the topic in addition to the web-based feedback.

WAMPO received a variety of public comments, the vast majority of which were advocates of funding for the project. The following is a summary of the written comments received:

Number of Written Comments: 81

Comment Themes/Summary: 79 out of 81 respondents were supportive. Themes associated with comments fell in 3 major areas.

Please note the following number do not reflect individual comments, but rather the number of times the themes appeared within the comments:

- 135 mentions of Active Transportation
- 55 mentions of Safety
- 45 mentions of Students/Children

For a full listing of written comments please see attached report.

Background

MOVE2040 recognized that conditions, projects, programs, federal and state requirements and transportation funding could undergo significant changes. These changes might occur prior to the adoption of the next metropolitan transportation plan, and included a process to amend MOVE 2040.

An amendment request may be made by any member of the Transportation Policy Body (TPB) and the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA). The KTA is not a member of the TPB, but is an independent authority owning and operating a regional transportation facility in the region. The request will be considered by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) that will recommend action to the TPB.

Each plan amendment for a project, program, or planning related study must:

- Demonstrate consistency with the Investment Strategy
- Have regional significance
- Include estimated costs and sources – federal share, source of match funds
- Be consistent with MAP-21 (or the federal law in place at the time of the proposed amendments)

The TAC will use the following guidelines to evaluate amendment requests:

- Funding changes – e.g. improved project cost estimates, grant program application, new funding categories, private sector investment
- Change in project or program scope
- Government mandate or regulations
- Emergency response – severe weather damage, seismic activity related repairs, acts of God
- Project sponsor unable to provide local match or otherwise meet fiscal constraint requirements

Public input shall be solicited consistent with the WAMPO Public Participation Plan in effect at the time of the requested amendment. The TAC shall review the public input and provide a recommendation on final action to the TPB.

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Commissioner Jim Howell, a member of WAMPO's Transportation Policy Body, requested a MOVE 2040 Amendment to increase the amount of WAMPO funding available to a project to help ensure that all of WAMPO's suballocated funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 can be obligated. This change supports the MOVE 2040 goals of choice and connectivity, and quality of life.

The following section includes more detailed discussion of this project changes.

Project Change

Sedgwick County

Meridian Pedestrian Bridge

The Meridian Pedestrian Bridge project provides for the construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Wichita-Valley Center Floodway (the Big Ditch) at Meridian Avenue. The present Meridian Avenue bridge is a roadway-only facility with no room to add a sidewalk to the existing structure. This project had been listed in the TIP and obligated in FFY 2017. A combination of the need to meet certain federal requirements and higher than expected bids caused the cost to escalate significantly and led Sedgwick County to not proceed with construction.

In FFY 2018 WAMPO has a significant amount of our suballocated federal funding that has been deobligated from other projects or was programmed a project whose obligation has been delayed. In particular, the obligation of the Derby to Mulvane Pathway project has been delayed until FFY 2019, leaving WAMPO with Transportation Alternatives funding that is designated specifically for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Because the Meridian Pedestrian Bridge project has already been through the KDOT project development process it can be moved ahead to obligation quickly if sufficient funding to cover the higher project costs can be provided.

This amendment proposes to increase the amount of WAMPO funding available to the Meridian Pedestrian Bridge using FFY 2018 funds deobligated (or programmed but not obligated) by other projects.

Changes:

WAMPO Funding: Increase from \$1,417,619 to \$2,904,000*

Total Project Cost: Increase from \$2,993,626 to \$3,830,000

*In order to preserve fiscal constraint, this increase in WAMPO funding will come solely from deobligated funds available in FFY 2018. In the event this project does not proceed using deobligated funds, the amount of WAMPO funding will be reduced back to the previous amount \$1,417,619.

Partner and Stakeholder Consultation

In developing this MOVE 2040 Amendment WAMPO worked with affected member jurisdictions and planning partners. WAMPO staff also engaged with the Transportation Policy Body and Transportation Advisory Committee (which includes representatives of public transportation and the freight community) on this amendment.

Fiscal Constraint Analysis

The change proposed during this Amendment will maintain the fiscal constraint of MOVE 2040. This change relies solely on funds that were deobligated from other projects or programmed but never obligated. It does not substantially affect the total balance of revenue and expenditure for the plan as a whole.